## Warden Message: Update - H1N1 Flu Outbreak

May 1, 2009

This is an update to the U.S. Embassy's warden message of April 30 regarding the outbreak of H1N1 Influenza (swine flu). On April 30, 2009, the government of Singapore upgraded its Disease Outbreak Response System Alert status from Yellow to Orange. The implementation of the alert upgrade may include increased H1N1 Influenza screening requirements at Singapore ports of entry and public buildings.

As of May 1, the Singapore Ministry of Health's (MOH) website advised "Those with a travel history to Mexico over the past seven days will be quarantined for seven days when they enter Singapore and undergo phone surveillance for symptoms for Mexican swine flu.... Members of the public who are returning from other affected areas (ie states of New York, California, Kansas and Texas in the United States and the state of Nova Scotia in Canada) are advised to stay at home for seven days upon return and check themselves for symptoms for Mexican swine flu." American citizens are encouraged to monitor MOH announcements and comply with local requirements. Details regarding the alert upgrade are located at:

http://www.moh.gov.sg/mohcorp/pressreleases.aspx?id=21588.

For more travel information related to the outbreak, please consult the Department of State's H1N1 Flu Outbreak Information at

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\_pa\_tw/pa/pa\_pandemic.html.

For the most up-to-date information on affected countries and how to protect oneself, please refer to: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/">http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/</a>. The U.S. Government one-stop access to H1N1, avian and pandemic flu information is located at: <a href="http://www.pandemicflu.gov">http://www.pandemicflu.gov</a>.

Americans living in or traveling to Singapore are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the <u>State Department's travel registration web site</u> and obtain updated information on travel and security within Singapore. Americans without internet access may register directly with the U.S. Embassy in Singapore. The U.S. Embassy is located at 27 Napier Road, Singapore 258508, tel. [65] 6476-9100, fax [65] 6476-9340; web site <a href="http://singapore.usembassy.gov/">http://singapore.usembassy.gov/</a>. In case of emergencies after working hours, the duty officer at the Embassy may be contacted by calling tel. [65] 6476-9100.